

Basic Migrant Child Eligibility Factors

The following factors are based the national Certificate of Eligibility form proposed by the U.S. Office of Migrant Education. This form has yet to be finalized and approved, and therefore, is subject to change..

MOVE ACROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

1. The child(ren) moved from a residence in a school district to a residence in another school district on the Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD).

DATE OF MOVE

2. The child(ren) moved on the QAD:
 - on own as a worker **OR**
 - with the worker who is the child's parent, spouse, guardian **OR**
 - to join* the worker, who is the child's parent, spouse, guardian.

* In cases where the child moves before the worker moves, the QAD would be the date the worker joins the child.

PURPOSE OF MOVE

3. The worker moved due to economic necessity in order to obtain:
 - qualifying work, and obtained qualifying work, **OR**
 - any work*, and obtained qualifying work, **OR**
 - qualifying work specifically, but did not obtain the work. If the worker did not obtain the qualifying work:
 - the worker has a prior history of moves to obtain qualifying work (requires comment), **OR**
 - there is other credible evidence that the worker actively sought qualifying work soon after the move but, for reasons beyond the worker's control, the work was not available (requires comment).

* Specific intent to obtain non-qualifying employment would not qualify. Recruiters should be attentive to situations whereby the worker expresses specific intent to obtain only non-qualifying work.

QUALIFYING WORK

4. The qualifying work was temporary employment (determine temporary employment under #5), or seasonal employment in agricultural work or fishing work (requires description of agricultural or fishing work, such as "picking strawberries") for an employer (provide name and address), as self-employment, or for personal subsistence.
5. The work was determined to be temporary employment based on:
 - the worker's statement (requires comment), **OR**
 - employer's statement (requires comment), **OR**
 - State's documentation of the temporary nature of the work (requires comment).

AGE

6. The child is younger than age 22.

SCHOOL COMPLETION

7. The child is *not* a high school graduate or does *not* hold a high school equivalent certificate.